



The IFSHT Mission: To provide global networking and educational opportunities to develop and enhance the practice of hand therapy.

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## Record number of participants at IFSHT Congress in Berlin

**IFSHT celebrated its 30-year birthday at the 11th IFSHT Congress in Berlin.,** Germany June 17- 21, 2019. Many thanks to Scientific Programme Co-Chairs: Dorit Aaron, USA and Beate Jung, Germany for the creation of a dynamic and interesting programme and to the host organizations: the Germany Hand Therapy and Surgery Societies for the exemplary organization of the congress. The IFSHT Congress Programme included the following topics: assessment, brachial plexus, flexor tendons, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic pain, PIP joint injuries, splinting workshops and much more. In addition to the scientific content, there were fun social events such as the opening reception, Berlin Night, and the gala celebration.

The congress had a record number of participants, 4001 persons from 92 countries attended the the joint congress held in conjunction with IFSSH and FESSH, 681 therapists participated and utilized this opportunity to update their hand therapy knowledge as well as to connect with therapists, surgeons and exhibitors. The congress app can be downloaded free of charge and the abstracts are available in the app for all to view, [click on the link to programme](#) to do so.



## Silent Auction 2019

**Many thanks to all of you who generously donated items to the auction and those who shopped!** Dagmar Fucik chair of the 2019 IFSHT Silent Auction did a great job organizing the auction that had 375 items. A total of \$7400 was raised. This fun event raised funds to support therapists from countries with financial challenges to attend and present at the next IFSHT congress in 2022 in London.



Pictured from left to right:  
**Marta Joki**, Poland,  
**Liis Lamson**, Estonia,  
**Tsitsi Murove**, Zimbabwe,  
**Gangtey Yoedzer**, Bhutan with  
**Anne Wajon**, President IFSHT  
2016-2019

## 2019 Evelyn Mackin Awards

Since the introduction of the Evelyn Mackin Award in 2010 to support Hand Therapists from countries where Hand Therapy is just developing, 15 therapists have received a full scholarship to attend IFSHT congresses. This year four therapists from Poland, Estonia, Zimbabwe and Bhutan were awarded the scholarship to attend the congress and meet with other Hand Therapists and Hand Surgeons in Berlin and exchange ideas.



2019 IFSHT Lifetime Achievement Award recipients pictured with Anne Wajon, IFSHT President 2016-2019 (far right)

## IFSHT Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients 2019

IFSHT Lifetime Achievement Awards were given for the first time at the congress opening ceremony. National member societies may nominate therapists for this award that have made international contributions to the field of Hand Therapy for this award. A blinded international panel reviewed and rated all nominations. Thirteen therapists were recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award for their contributions to the field of hand therapy. They are as follows in alphabetical order:

<b>Shrikant Chinchalkar</b> , Canada	<b>Pat McKee</b> , Canada
<b>Judy Colditz</b> , USA	<b>Margareta Persson</b> , Sweden
<b>Adiela Estrada</b> , Columbia	<b>Rosemary Prosser</b> , Australia
<b>Lynne Feehan</b> , Canada	<b>Jean-Claude Rouzard</b> , France
<b>Victoria Frampton</b> , UK	<b>Dominique Thomas</b> , France
<b>Annette Leveridge</b> , UK	<b>Corrienne van Velze</b> , South Africa
<b>Evelyn Mackin</b> , USA	



## 2019 Cristina Alegri Hand Therapy Innovation Award

There were eight nominees for the Cristina Alegri Hand Therapy Innovation Award. Congress participants were treated to an overview of all nominations which were reviewed and rated by a blinded panel. **The 2019 winner is Judith Bell-Krotoski, USA**

for her work with Semmes Weinstein Monofilaments for sensory testing.

## Chairs

The IFSHT council meeting was held on June 19th. Delegates from 38 member countries attended the meeting and a quorum was reached. New officers, committee chairs and members of the nomination committee were elected at this meeting. They are as follows:

- President, **Nicola Goldsmith**, United Kingdom
- President-elect, **Peggy Boineau**, United States of America
- Secretary-General, **Maureen Hardy**, United States of America
- Treasurer, **Stacey Doyon**, United States of America
- Information Officer, **Susan de Klerk**, South Africa
- Immediate Past President, **Anne Wajon**, Australia
  - Chair Bylaws Committee, **Marie Eason Klatt**, Canada
  - Co-Chair Education Committee, **Raquel Cantero**, Spain
  - Co-Chair Education Committee, **Jenny Rosengren**, Sweden
  - Chair of Financial Review Committee, **Katia Fournier**, United Kingdom
  - Chair of Nominations Committee, **Anne Wajon**, Australia
    - Nominations Committee Members:
      - **Vera Beckmann-Fries**, Switzerland
      - **Janine Hareau**, Uruguay
      - **Seiji Nishimura**, Japan



**IFSHT Executive Officers 2019-2022:** (right to left) Anne Wajon, Immediate Past President; Nicola Goldsmith, President; Peggy Boineau, President-Elect; Maureen Hardy, Secretary General; Susan de Klerk, Information Officer; Stacey Doyon, Treasurer

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Save the dates:

[12th IFSHT Congress](#)

London, June 27- July 1, 2022

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Open Access Hand Therapy Articles in IFSSH Ezine

**International contributions of clinical hand therapy articles are welcomed for the IFSHT portion of the IFSSH E-zine.** Contributions focus on useful clinical tips for the management of conditions of the hand and wrist. If you are interesting in contributing an article, please email [informationofficer@IFSHT.org](mailto:informationofficer@IFSHT.org) to discuss content requirements.

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